

"Cathedral of the Plains"

ST. FIDELIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Fidelis Parish, Victoria

Mass: Saturday—5:00 pm
Sunday—10:00 am
Monday, Wednesday—7:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—6:45 am
Confession: Saturday—3:30-4:30 pm

St. Ann Parish, Walker

Mass: Sunday—7:30 am
Confession: before Mass

St. Boniface Parish, Vincent

Mass: Sunday—7:00 pm
Confession: by appointment



Parish Office: 601 10th Street, Victoria, KS 67671 • 785-735-2777 • Fax: 785-735-2779
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30 • Friday 8:30-12:00

Catholic Faith Education Office:
785-735-9244

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday-Thursday:
8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30
Friday: 8:30 –noon

Weddings:

Couples planning to marry must contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage preparations.

Baptisms:

All new parents are asked to complete a Baptismal Preparation class before their child is baptized. For information, call Shirley Brungardt at 735-9244.

Hospital Visits:

To arrange for our pastor to visit someone in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Staff

Pastor:

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Housekeeping: Darlene Dreiling

Groundskeeper: Julius Dreiling

Maintenance: Joe Brungardt

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Council Members

St. Fidelis Pastoral Council

Tom Tholen, Chair 735-2734
Andy Kuhn, Vice-chair 735-2589
Joyce Haerich, Secretary 735-2857
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Shannon Radke 735-4848 (Liturgy)
Glen Unrein 735-2321 (B & G)
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Michelle Meier 735-2563 (Family Life)

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Allen Hammerschmidt 735-2447

July 25, 2010
17th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays
7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
in St. Fidelis Church Chapel



"And I tell you,
ask
and you will receive;
seek
and you will find;
knock
and the door
will be opened
to you."

from the Gospel according to
Luke 11:1-13

ATTENTION: St. Ann Photographers / Writers

I am looking for one or more individuals from the St. Ann Parish to take pictures on a regular basis of church events to be used in the quarterly newsletter, "The Cathedral Sound". If you are willing to do that, please contact Connie at the Parish Office (735-2777).

The next newsletter, coming out in August, will include articles about maintenance performed at the three churches. I would like to include a picture of the person who does the mowing around the St. Ann Church and/or cemetery, along with parishioners performing other maintenance items such as painting, fixing a broken window or door, trimming bushes, or whatever is done to help keep the buildings and grounds looking nice.

ALSO, if anyone is willing to write articles about St. Ann events for the newsletter, please contact me.

Thanks, *Connie*





Winning the Spiritual War

In one of the religious magazines that I get, there was a stinging article about what the author called a “spiritual war” in our country. He was speaking about organized Christian religion in this country and my job as pastor in particular. The author said that we are in the midst of a spiritual war, and at stake is the whole of Western civilization.

He felt that there is an effort being made to rid our country of Christian influence, saying that 300 years from now, people will refer to this spiritual war as the most important struggle that organized Christian religion had to face since the days of Constantine when Constantine made the state Christian around 312 AD.

The author felt that we are losing the war and that people will judge that we lost the war because Churches have placed far too much time and importance on buildings and policies and far too little time on what really matters, namely problems like the breakdown of families, increases in divorce, pornography, illicit sexual pleasure, and spiritual laziness.

The thought may be a little strong, but I think he makes sense and gives us a pretty good basis to do some thinking about our own involvement in this spiritual war that he claims is going on. It makes us ask the question: if it is true that we are losing this spiritual war, why are we losing it? The author of that article suggested that the answer is really quite simple—ourselves—we are the problem. He claims that we simply are not doing enough.

Whether that is true or not is up to us to answer in the silence of our hearts, but Jesus in today’s Gospel gives us a way to do better perhaps than we are right now. In that Gospel, St. Luke the evangelist gives us how Jesus taught about connection with God, that is, prayer. If we give enough time to the pursuit of prayer, we will gradually change our thinking into the thinking of Jesus.

The spiritual war will be won by prayer that changes hearts and makes us see the importance of the values that Jesus teaches. The values that are contained in the Our Father which he teaches us in the Gospel are values that deal with praise, forgiveness of others, and the need to repent.

There are a couple of things that we must remember with prayer. First, we have to keep at it—persistence. Secondly, God knows more than we do. God will give us the good things that we need in order to make ourselves more like the Jesus whom we want to imitate. Thirdly, the prayer should begin to change us to be better people right now.

I don’t think there would be an argument from too many Christian people that we are involved in a spiritual war. The argument comes in what we do about it. The essence of the spiritual battle is to work from within. Being in contact with God through prayer is the way we win the battle.

- - Fr. Mike - -

SDCCW Convention

You are invited to the Biennial Convention of the Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Saturday, August 28, at St. Andrew’s Parish Hall, 211 S. Buckeye, Abilene. A registration form can be found in The Register. Enjoy a day of faith and fellowship and dynamic speakers. Registration deadline is August 14.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 13-14 — Herzogfest

August 19 — 1st Day of School

FAMILY LIFE

Anyone interested in having a **Neighborhood Mass** in their home please contact Bertha Brungardt at 735-2777.

Holy Communion Can Be Brought to Homebound

Holy Communion can be brought to homebound parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office at 785-735-2777 if you or someone you know is unable to come to a Sunday Mass.

* Sunday Rosary Schedule *	
1 st - Christian Mothers	2 nd - Knights of Columbus
3 rd - Daughters of Isabella	4 th - Family Life

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 31, 5:00 pm

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
Rosie	Wanda Kuhn	Wyatt Engel	Ron Goetz
Dinkel	Tammy Lichter	Karly Oberle	Andy / Wanda Kuhn
Lector	Brenda Robben	Dalton Stout	Cora Schulte
Sandy	Diane Gross		
Scheck	Leona Vsetecka		
Comm.	Shannon Karst		
Amorette	JoAnn Pfanenstiel		
Windholz			

Sunday, August 1, 10:00 am

Cantor	Ministers	Servers	Greeters
John	Anne Dinkel	Andrea Dome	Norman/Kathy
Braun	Randy Leiker	Ashley Dome	Kuhn
Lector	David Lang	Bryan Dome	Dedra Karlin
LeeAnn	Connie Braun		Doris Weigel
Schmidtberger	Kathy Kuhn		
Comm.	Shirley Weigel		
Joe	Leroy Schmidtberger		
Brungardt			

Contributions July 17-18, 2010

ST. FIDELIS: <u>Adult</u> 2344.00 <u>Loose</u> 943.20 <u>Picnic on Plaza</u> 182.00
ST. ANN: <u>Adult</u> 636.00 <u>Loose</u> 953.00
ST. BONIFACE: <u>Adult</u> 462.00 <u>Loose</u> 124.00 <u>Children</u> 1.50
<u>Candles</u> 26.50

Money Counters

July 26 — Ivan and Verda Werner, Dianne Crawford

August 2 — Doris Weigel, Shirley Weigel, Anita Braun

Baptism

We welcome into the Christian community of faith **Emma Celestina Wasinger**, infant daughter of Steve and Kerry (Terhune) Wasinger. Emma Celestina, born June 19, 2010, was baptized at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria, by Father Michael Greco on Sunday, July 18, 2010. Her godfather is Michael Terhune and her godmother is Melissa Mayers.



With Sympathy

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Dolores Froelich**, who passed away on Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Services were at St. Ann Catholic Church on Saturday, July 17 with burial in St. Ann Cemetery.

The sympathy of the parishes is extended to the family of **Roland "Rod" Page**, who passed away on Wednesday, July 14, 2010. Services were at St. Fidelis Catholic Church on Friday evening, July 16, with burial on Saturday, July 17, in Maple Grove Cemetery, Dodge City.

The family of
Rod Page
wishes to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks
to all the parishioners in our tri-parish area
for the many acts of kindness extended to us
in our time of deep sorrow.
May God bless you all!!

Sincere Thanks!
St. Boniface Parish sincerely thanks
the family of Rod Page
for the generous memorial contribution to
St. Boniface Church in Rod's name.
May Rod enjoy God's welcome into Heaven just like
many enjoyed Rod's welcoming heart
here on earth.

Thank You!
I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation
to my family, friends, and neighbors for all the prayers, get well
cards, Mass cards, flowers, and telephone calls that I received
while a patient recovering from open heart surgery at St. Luke's
Medical Center in Kansas City and since I've been home. I would
also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Prayerline for
remembering me in their intentions and to the Eucharistic
Ministers for bringing Communion to my home. Thank you all
from the bottom of my heart. May God bless you.
Rita Gross

St. Fidelis Herzogfest Booth

St. Fidelis Church will once again sponsor a German food booth at Herzogfest on August 13-14, **servicing dumplings with cream and/or kraut and brats, noodles and beans, crock pickles, kuchen, and tea.** We are asking **HERZOGFEST** parishioners to help out by volunteering or saying "yes" when called to help prepare the food or work the booth, or by donating thin noodles, cucumbers, great northern beans, sauerkraut, and kuchen. Monetary donations are also welcome. It is a lot of work for a few but if many help, not only is the work load lighter but the fellowship is great.



WE WOULD LIKE A COMMITMENT OF WHAT YOU WILL DONATE BY MONDAY, AUGUST 9. Please call Bertha Brungardt at **735-2777**.

Prepared crock pickles and other food donations may be dropped off at the VFW on the Friday morning of Herzogfest or anytime at the Parish Office during work hours. **Fresh pickling cucumbers can be brought to the Office during the week of July 27-30.**

Work schedule sign-up sheets will be available at the entrances of the church **the weekend of July 31 and August 1.** Your help is desperately needed. Please take time to sign the schedule sheets. We will post a finalized list of workers in the bulletin the week before Herzogfest as a reminder to your commitment.

Please plan to volunteer on **Wednesday, July 28, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the V.F. W. Hall to help make dumplings.** Thank you!



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Set for Wednesday

The St. Fidelis Centennial Committee will meet Wednesday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center.

LITURGY

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered after all Masses the weekend of **August 7-8.**

CATHOLIC FAITH EDUCATION

St. Matthew: Next Scripture Studies Topic

The Scripture Studies Group recently completed the study of the Gospel of St. Mark. The study group will break for the month of July and return to studies every other **Tuesday, beginning August 3.** The next Gospel for study will be St. Matthew. If you are interested in attending, please call Shirley Brungardt at the Catholic Faith Education office, 785-735-9244.

Registration for Religion Classes Set for 2010-11 School Year

Registrations for K-12 Religion classes will be held at the Catholic Faith Education office in the Parish Activity Center on **Tuesday, August 3, and Wednesday, August 4,** from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Financial Peace University Class

The next Financial Peace University Class will be starting in August! Pre-enrollment classes will be August 1 or August 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Classes start August 22.

Since St. Fidelis has started hosting the Financial Peace University classes, we have had 17 families participate. We have paid off thousands of dollars of debt while turning down over 5 million dollars worth of credit card offers!

Financial Peace University is a biblically-based class that teaches how to use money the way God intended. The average family across the nation eliminates \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 during the 13 week period.

If you are tired of living paycheck to paycheck, please give Neal or Joyce Haerich a call to sign up. Neal can be reached at 785-735-4969 and Joyce can be reached at 785-259-6638.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The Ellis County Health Department holds a free blood pressure clinic on Tuesdays at the Parish Activity Center from 9:30-10:30 a.m. You may use the north Meal Site entrance. Everyone is welcome. The next clinic will be **July 27**.



Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund to Meet

The Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund, Inc. will have its joint annual and quarterly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on **Sunday, July 25**, at the Parish Activity Center.

Board of directors will be elected, the annual treasurer's report will be presented, and regular board business will be conducted. All members are invited to attend.

Victoria Recreation Swimming Party

Monday, August 2
7:30—9:00 p.m.

Open to all USD #432 students pre-school through 6th grade, based on the upcoming year's grade.

For questions, contact
Sharon Bleske at
785-735-2454



Coffee and cookies will be served after each 6:45 a.m. weekday Mass in the north sacristy of St. Fidelis Church. Come and enjoy some good conversation with the priest and your fellow parishioners.

MASS INTENTIONS

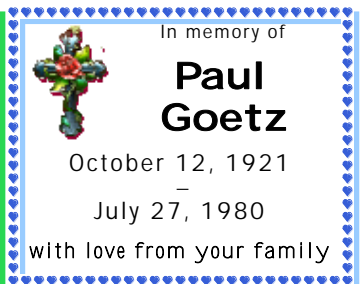
MONDAY	JULY 26
7:00 pm Dolores Hoffman Doris Younger Pfeifer	
TUESDAY	JULY 27
6:45 am Bill Weigel Paul Goetz (anniv)	
WEDNESDAY	JULY 28
7:00 pm John Riedel	
THURSDAY	EUCCHARIST ADORATION 7:30-11:30 JULY 29
6:45 am Angela Brungardt Jacobs	
FRIDAY	JULY 30
6:45 am Joseph and Marie Ulrich	
SATURDAY	JULY 31
3:00 pm Jill Smith and Aaron Meister wedding 5:00 pm Vera Braun Tim Kuhn	
SUNDAY	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 1
7:30 am St. Ann Wilfred Robben (anniv) 10:00 am St. Fidelis Oliver Kuhn (anniv) 7:00 pm St. Boniface For the parishes	



Panhandler

A panhandler approached a prosperous-looking man and asked for a dime for a cup of coffee. "Is this all you have to do?" replied the prospect reprovingly. "Look at you—you sleep on park benches, your clothes are tattered, and you're hungry. Why don't you get a grip on yourself and go to work?"

"Go to work!" growled the panhandler in disgust. "What for—to support a bum like me?"



St. Fidelis Christian Mothers

Blessed are the mothers who taught us how to pray, they will share God's Kingdom.

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